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 FILLING AN AQUARIUM) EXTENSION OF TIME
) PURSUANT TO CFR §1.136

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Applicant, through his counsel, respectfully petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, carrying a mailing date of 11/01/96 to which a full response must be filed no later than 05/01/97 in order to avoid a holding of abandonment. This response is filed within four (4) months of the Office Action mailing and is within the six-month statutory limit for response. Pursuant to CFR §1.17, the fee in the amount of \$55.00, to file a one-month extension of time is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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